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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was mostly barely steady to weak. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate at best with few features and ads present. Supplies of all sizes were at least adequate and discounted, with heavier weights in the longest positions. In the parts structure, movement was light and unaggressive with trading limited to regular commitments. Wings were sufficient and moving satisfactorily. Breast items and dark meat were readily available to ample and heavily discounted to try and stimulate interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to heavy, but mostly desirable.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading declined .25 cents to 70.50 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 75.25 cents last year on September 21, 2005.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	162.50
BREASTS - B/S	140.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	83.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	87.50
LEG QUARTERS	34.00
WINGS	102.50

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

SOUTHERN REGION Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. Retail and food service demand was slow to fair with trading usually limited to most immediate needs. Supplies of all sizes were at least sufficient to easily handle trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was light to fair at best. Wings were moving well with supplies in balance to closely cleared. The remaining items were adequate to ample with limited interest, even at discounted levels. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST REGION Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light to no better than fair during midweek trading. Offerings were at least adequate to available for current needs. Retail and distributive movement was light. The market tone was barely steady to weak. In the parts complex, breast items and tenders were readily available and heavily discounted where product was in excess. Wings were in good balance. Leg quarters and drums were fully adequate and slow to clear.

MIDWEST REGION Whole broiler/fryer market tone remained barely steady to mostly weak. Offerings ample on light trade activity. Food service and retail market participants noted sluggish activity; light to moderate at best. Floor stocks were in close balance to ample; weights were desirable. Parts supplies were adequate on wings and fully adequate to ample on all other parts. The market tone was steady to fully steady on wings and barely steady to weak on all other parts.

WESTERN REGION The market tone was steady to weak. Offerings of heavy weights remained in the longest position with sized product generally adequate. Buyers' interest was just fair for immediate needs. Retailer demand was moderate overall, best to cover feature activities. Floor stocks about adequate. The market tone was barely steady to weak on parts.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 1 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 204 million eggs in incubators during the week ending September 16, 2006. This was up 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED DOWN SLIGHTLY

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 174 million chicks for meat production during the week ending September 16, 2006. Placements were down slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2006 through September 16, 2006 were 6.45 billion, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED TOTAL 19 SELECTED STATES

WEEK ENDING 09/16/06	2006	2005	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	203,937	202,351	-01
CHICKS PLACED	173,939	174,088	0

Source: NASS, USDA

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 28-Oct-06 is estimated at 159.8 million head. This compares to 159.3 million head the previous week and to 162.2 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 166.6 million head and the composite weighted average price was 68.69 cents per pound.

SEPTEMBER 19, 2006

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

SEPTEMBER 20, 2006

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

POUNDS					POUNDS				
ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	731	90.00-187.00	-	110.39	BREAST - B/S	681	85.00-187.00	-	101.59
TENDERLOINS	203	100.00-174.00	-	109.71	TENDERLOINS	123	101.00-174.00	-	112.58
BREAST - LINE RUN	114	79.00-86.00	-	81.30	BREAST - LINE RUN	114	75.00-85.00	-	78.68
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	140	33.00-41.00	-	34.14	LEGS	180	32.00-41.00	33	33.67
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	563	22.00-33.00	25-26	25.40	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	590	21.00-30.00	24-25	24.64
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	963	24.00-34.00	27-28	27.71	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	792	22.00-32.00	27-28	27.40
WINGS (WHOLE)	295	99.00-104.00	100-102	101.37	WINGS (WHOLE)	335	95.00-104.00	99-101	100.01
WINGS (CUT)	265	119.00-126.00	-	121.17	WINGS (CUT)	285	118.00-126.00	119-122	120.67
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
38.50-52.00	44.91	38.00-46.50	41.16	44.60

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying interest continued light and unaggressive as dealers worked hand-to-mouth and limited orders to most immediate needs. Offerings of breast items and tenders were readily available and often discounted where product was in excess. Dark meat cuts were more than sufficient for current needs with limited movement. Wings were clearing satisfactorily. Movement through retail and distributive channels was light. The market tone was generally steady for wings; weak for breast items and tenders. Leg quarters and drums were barely steady to weak.

*ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND.

SEPTEMBER 19, 2006				SEPTEMBER 20, 2006			
ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	130	120.98	991,000	BREAST - B/S	125-130	127.78	681,396
TENDERLOINS	125-130	122.15	321,440	TENDERLOINS	120-125	126.66	266,272
BREAST - WITH RIBS	83-84	89.57	98,920	BREAST - WITH RIBS	81-82	93.60	69,640
BREAST - LINE RUN	83	80.70	77,400	BREAST - LINE RUN	81	79.11	81,000
LEGS	43-44	36.74	284,580	LEGS	43-44	43.97	194,400
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	29-30	32.67	338,040	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	29-30	32.34	225,320
DRUMSTICKS	35-36	37.16	156,300	DRUMSTICKS	34-35	39.36	106,280
THIGHS	32-33	42.60	82,080	THIGHS	32-33	41.00	57,400
B/S THIGHS	87-88	89.41	141,500	B/S THIGHS	87-88	90.48	113,640
WINGS (WHOLE)	105-106	104.08	268,940	WINGS (WHOLE)	105-106	105.90	279,100
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.63	21,400	BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.26	25,200
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	28.46	24,400	LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	27.90	13,520
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	52.59	30,440	GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	52.14	25,920

 INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		ACTUAL	WTS
	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)
Alabama	4,146	4,218	4,020	4,614	5.64	5.27	4,088	5.44
Arkansas	5,375	5,397	5,391	5,923	5.41	5.18	5,305	5.53
Delmarva	2,266	2,306	2,264	2,559	5.81	5.78	2,327	5.82
KY-LA-TN	2,347	2,356	2,261	2,415	5.22	4.84	2,305	5.14
Mississippi	2,774	2,894	2,890	3,485	5.88	5.44	2,845	5.98
N Carolina	2,673	2,649	2,634	2,650	6.86	6.80	2,638	6.82
Texas	2,520	2,515	2,273	2,512	5.25	5.13	2,538	5.38
Total	22,101	22,335	21,733	24,031	5.70	5.43	22,046	5.69
Mon-Wed	66,772(A)						65,710(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 20-Sep-06 is estimated to be 33,066,000 head down 0.05 percent from a week ago and up 0.43 percent from a year ago. (Last week 33,082,000, last year 32,925,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	91-100
ROASTERS 4# & UP	99-108
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	65-74
DUCKS	-
RABBITS-WHOLE	-
RABBITS-CUT UP	-

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS		
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	91-103
	DRY PACK	110-114
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	100
	DRY PACK	111-118
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	88-102
	DRY PACK	102-109
DUCKS		185-190

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 23-Sep-06

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	09/23/06 (1)	09/16/06
	THOUSAND HEAD	
Broiler/fryer	166,895 (2)	164,985
Light hens	1,141	1,086
Heavy hens	1,397	1,516
Total	169,433	167,587

(1)ESTIMATED (2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 23-Sep-06 is 164.6 million head compared to 167.4 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 167.2 million head or 2.6 million more than estimated available. For the week of 30-Sep-06 the estimated available is 164.5 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 09/18/06	104,420	69,387
AM 09/01/06	106,259	71,254
CHG	-1,839	-1,867
PCT CHG	-2	-3

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	09/18/06	09/11/06	09/19/05	09/18/06	09/11/06	09/12/05
PACIFIC COAST	627	647	4,928	10,706	10,758	4,168
LOS ANGELES	284	306	116	2,835	2,925	2,092

CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 18, 2006

	RANGE
HENS ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	69-76
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	77-80

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

FOR 09/19/06

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	LOW HIGH AVG				LOW HIGH AVG		
HEAVY FOWL lb.	-	1.00	-	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	2.50	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	-	-	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	.75	.85	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	-	6.00	-
ROOSTERS lb.	2.05	2.30	2.24	ROOSTERS ea.	-	3.25	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	1.20	1.60	1.45	DUCKS ea.	3.00	6.00	-
RABBITS lb.	1.20	2.00	1.32	RABBITS ea.	-	-	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	1.50	5.25	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	5.50	7.75	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-	-
TOTAL COOPS	68						

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - MEXICO CITY

Cents per pound for the week ending September 15, 2006

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs W/Thighs	Necks,Backs & Wings	Livers Gizzards	Hens
RAYON						
Low	67.22	161.82	82.98	16.60	4.15	70.54
High	73.85	165.97	87.13	20.75	8.30	70.54
Mostly	70.54	161.82	82.98	20.75	4.15	70.54

SAN JUAN

Low	68.46	161.82	74.68	16.60	4.15	74.68
High	73.02	170.11	82.98	20.75	8.30	74.68
Mostly	70.54	165.97	82.98	16.60	4.15	74.68

NEW SAN JUAN

Low	66.39	161.82	74.68	16.60	4.15	76.76
High	72.19	170.11	82.98	20.75	8.30	76.76
Mostly	72.19	170.11	78.83	16.60	4.15	76.76

BECERRA

Low	68.46	161.82	91.28	16.60	8.30	78.83
High	73.44	170.11	99.58	24.89	8.30	78.83
Mostly	72.19	170.11	95.43	20.75	8.30	78.83

DELMARVA

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds continued slow to fair at best. Seller offerings were adequate to ample and competitively priced in some instances, mainly on the heavier weights to stimulate buyer interest. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights varied and were mostly desirable to heavy. Processor schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 65 to 77 cents. Trade sentiment was weak and unsettled. In the parts complex, offerings were adequate to ample across the board with wings generally noted as in the closer, better balance with trade needs.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	57-79
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A)Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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